

HOUSE RESOLUTION 114

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend New Hopewell Elementary School Principal Melanie Harb upon receiving the Education Consumers Foundation's Value-Added Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding school principals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable educator is Melanie Harb, principal of New Hopewell Elementary School, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Harb recently received the Education Consumers Foundation's Value-Added Achievement Award, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a principal, as it recognizes the invaluable contributions she has made to the education of the youth of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Value-Added Achievement Award recognizes that New Hopewell Elementary, with Principal Harb at its helm, has been among the most effective of Tennessee's more than 1,300 elementary and middle schools in teaching reading/language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, New Hopewell Elementary was selected on the basis of its most recent three-year-average achievement gains in the subjects of reading/language arts and mathematics and was one of only nine elementary schools selected statewide for this honor; and

WHEREAS, New Hopewell Elementary has been very effective in moving students forward academically for many years; it received straight A's on the 2006 State Report Card in both value-added and achievement; and

WHEREAS, only principals having five or more years in their current positions were considered for the award; Ms. Harb has been with New Hopewell since 2002, but previously served Loudon County Elementary, Giffin Elementary, and Bonny Kate Elementary as a teacher, Beaumont Elementary as Assistant Principal, and West View Elementary as Principal; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Ms. Harb serves as a member on the Tennessee Principal Association Board, the Knox County Elementary Principal Board, and the Truancy Review Board; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Harb is an extremely talented and compassionate principal who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harb truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Melanie Harb upon receiving the Education Consumers Foundation's Value-Added Achievement Award, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.